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The Black Rossius

THOUSANDS HEAR HIM.

Hon. W. T. Vernon, Register of the Treasury is now filling assignments throughout the West and middle West States. His itinerary beginning in New York and New England has taken him through Pennsylvania, Ohio and out through Colorado, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. Dispatches state that he is now filling assignments through Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, speaking nightly to large crowds and having successful meetings. The National Committee has not been able to send him to many sections of the country which have desired his service. His efforts in this campaign have been most effective and he is contributing greatly to the success which is sure to come to the national ticket.

From the St. Louis Daily Globe.

The largest and most enthusiastic Republican rally for colored voters in St. Louis in many years was held last night at Abyssinia Hall, 16 South Tenth St., where not less than 6000 colored citizens assembled. The gathering filled the street around the hall for a block in each direction. An overflow meeting was necessary before the main meeting was begun in the hall, which was unable to hold one-third of the crowd that sought admission.

The occasion was a reception to and an address by Rev. Dr. William T. Vernon, the colored register of the United States treasury, who is making a series of speeches in the West, in behalf of the Republican party and its candidates. The meeting was opened by C. K. Robinson, president of the Missouri Negro Republican League Club and Precinct Organization, under whose auspices the meeting was held. Mr. Robinson introduced Rev. Harris, pastor of the First Baptist Church, colored, who presided.



REGISTER W. T. VERNON.

Dr. Harris made a rousing speech, in which he said, in explanation of his action as a minister in taking a leading part in a political demonstration: "There are crises in the life of the people that call for every man who has a spark of manhood or self-respect to align himself with the masses of the people for the common let me make a comparison: Two years my people as to their political status in Missouri to-day. My heart and soul are enlisted in this campaign on the side of justice and righteousness. I have a solemn duty to perform, and I do not apologize to any man for daring to do it. I never before made a political speech in my life, or have received a dollar of compensation for the discharge of a political duty, but mean to do my share to bring victory to the Republican party in this campaign."

Vernon Is Cheered.

The entry of Dr. Vernon into the hall was the signal for wild applause and cheers that lasted ten minutes. pathetic touch with the local and When it was announced that, owing to the large crowd on the street unable to gain admission, Dr. Vernon would address an overflow meeting first, many tried to get outside to hear this speech, but were prevented by the crowd.

William T. Findly, Republican candidate for Congress in the Eleventh District, was introduced while Dr. Vernon was outside and delivered a stirring address on national issues.

While Mr. Findly was speaking, Dr. Vernon returned to the platform and the demonstration in his honor was renewed, and was kept up until he was introduced and began his speech.

Dr. Vernon spoke for two hours, covering all the national issues in a detailed account of the doings of the leading political parties for the past fifty years; comparing the history of the Republican and Democratic legislation and showing that what has affected the interests of the white man has also affected the interests of the black man. He compared the personal character and career of Taft and Bryan, and quoted from each to show their exact attitude toward the Negro race. He compared the silence of the Democratic platform with the encouraging expression of the Republican platform, which demands justice for all men, regardless of race or color. He paid a high tribute to the character and public services of Herbert S. Hadley, whose election as governor of Missouri, by a handsome majority, he predicted. In conclusion, he said:

Praises Taft and Roosevelt.

Judge Taft stands squarely on the Republican platform. True to his family tradition, true to his early environment, true to his broad comprehensive method of dealing with all men, regardless of race or color, he has declared for equal and exact justice to all our citizenship with his party committed to the guaranteeing of the fullest opportunity to the race, with his great personality, judicial temper, and ideals of justice, with his specific declarations of friendship to the Negro and his sympathy for us in our efforts to rise, we will serve our country and preserve our race by placing him in the White House to guide the affairs of the Republic. He will continue the great work of Theodore Roosevelt, who has found time in the midst of his great achievements to make innovations by the appointment of Negroes to places of responsibility and trust throughout all sections, to persistently give opportunity to Negroes to demonstrate their capabilities along the higher lines.

To continue this era of unprecedented prosperity let us elect as his successor, the great lawyer, just judge faithful public servant and friend of all mankind, Judge William H. Taft. Associated with him in the highest type of American citizenship is James Schoolcraft Sherman. With unbounded faith in the patriotism, integrity and sound common sense of the American people, I predict a triumph of these distinguished citizens at the polls in November.

Pushing The Work

BUSINESS LEAGUE

ACTIVITIES. Visible Success of President Pittman's Campaign.

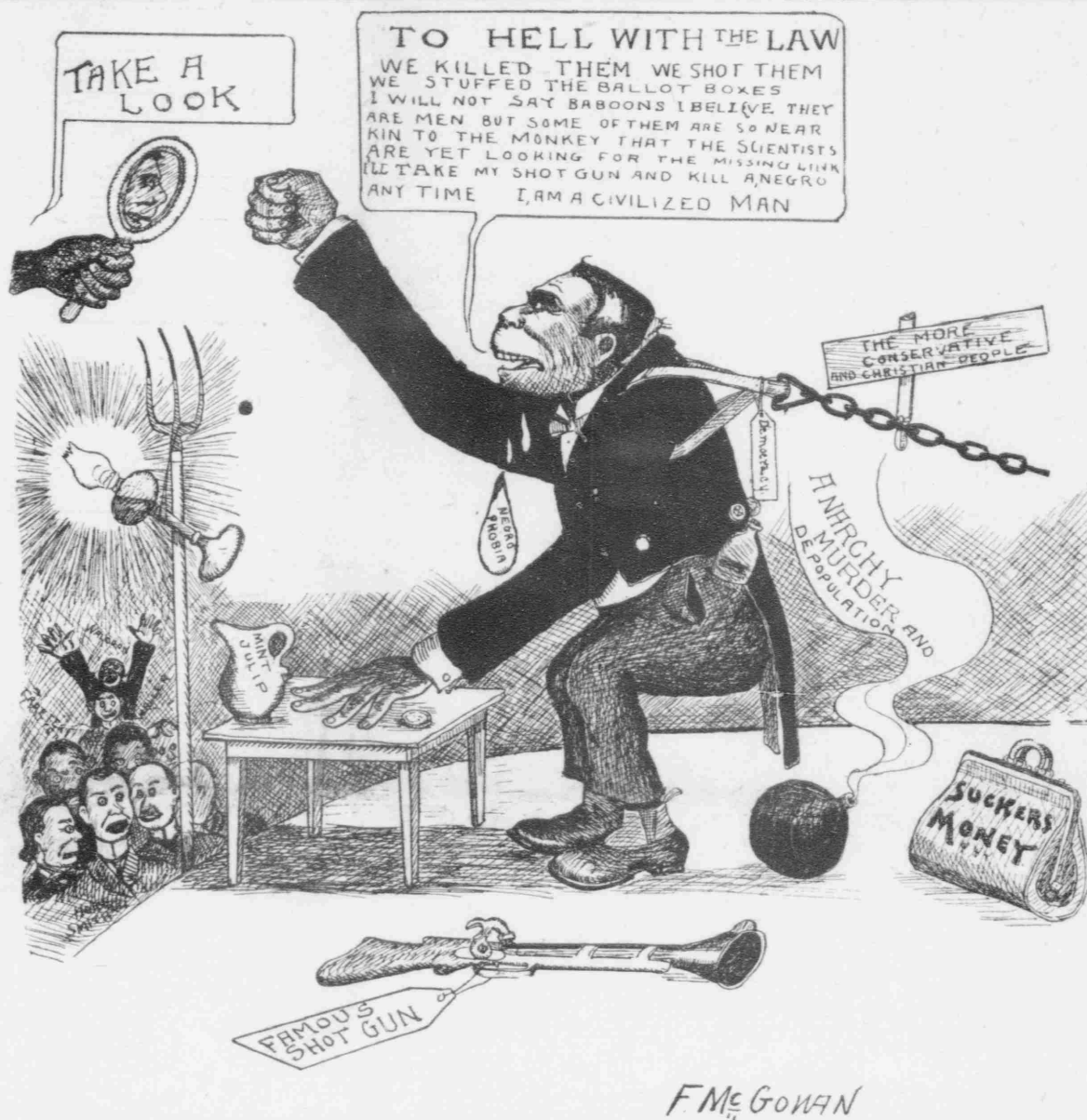
The Bee has already referred in its last week's issue to the meeting of the local Negro Business League, which was held on the evening of Oct. 21st, at True Reformers' Hall. This meeting was very largely attended, and many names were added to the new financial list which the executive committee has authorized the president to establish in an effort to determine and maintain the exact status of every member in good standing. "It seems that President Pittman has determined to follow out the spirit and letter of that part of the Constitution that provides for regular monthly meetings of the League, and he is going still further in many other ways towards making the meetings of great interest and usefulness to its members and to the community at large. Each month he is bringing in some prominent and successful business man of our race, and at the same time is developing great enthusiasm among the more successful of the local business men.

At the last meeting the League was very highly entertained by Col. Giles B. Jackson, of Richmond, Virginia, the man who successfully wrung from the United States Congress an appropriation of \$100,000 for a separate race exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition. Col. Jackson speaks as a man of broad experience; every word was helpful. We listened to a very timely and enthusiastic discussion of the

possibilities of the growing co-operation between the business men of the race led by Dr. John R. Francis, one of the leading physicians of the District.

Among others who were out-spoken and urgent in their desire for mutual interest among colored people, were Rev. Dr. William Howard, minister of one of the largest Baptist churches of this city, Dr. Chas. H. Marshall, Georgetown's leader of prominence, John W. Lewis, President of the Laborers' Building and Loan Association, Mr. Joseph Manning, contractor and many others.

Each month it is the purpose of president Pittman, as outlined in his talk at the meeting, to have one or



TAKE A LOOK AT THIS UGLY MONSTER IN HIS DELIRIUM TREMENS—THEN PASS YOUR OWN JUDGMENT WHETHER THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS THE NEGRO'S FRIEND OR NOT.

more of the local men appear on the program at each meeting and lead in the discussion of some feature of the great problem of business co-operation.

Chief W. R. Griffin of the True Reformers', the financial secretary, was on the job and made good time with the generous-hearted.

It is the greatest hope of the Bee that our local Negro Business League lead by its new president, W. Sidney Pittman, continue in this new move, and make for the city of Washington a record which all other Leagues, affiliated with the National Negro Business League, would enviously follow. Let all the business men and women and all well thinking people lend him assistance. He is trying to give us what the people need.

The Bee is with the president in his strenuous effort to keep the League up to its highest standard, and every officer connected with the League should feel it his or her highest duty to do his or her part and more.

IN NEW YORK.

Brooklyn N. Y. Oct. 22.—One of the most enthusiastic meetings ever held in Brooklyn was that held last night at which Judge Robert H. Terrell, James A. Cobb and Auditor R. W. Tyler, were the principal speakers. All made telling speeches and were applauded to the echo. The enthusiasm was great, and at every mention of the names of Taft and Hughes the great audience of two thousand people fairly went wild.

Attorney Alfred Cowen, who presided stated that there never was such an enthusiastic colored Republican meeting held in Brooklyn before.

When the meeting was over the people crowded around the speakers, and showered them with congratulations.

Booker Washington

THE NEGRO AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE SOUTH.

To the Colored People of the South: This is the third time that I have had the privilege of speaking to you in this way upon what I consider the most vital subject, outside of religion, that concerns our race. Action upon it cannot be delayed or omitted without the most serious consequences to this and succeeding generations. I refer to the education of our colored children in the country districts where from 80 to 85 per cent. of our people live. In a recent trip through the

and leaders get into close and symmetrical and state officials and make known the condition and the needs of the children. If one effort does not succeed, make another and another. You, yourselves, must make your wants known, no one can or will do it for you. We must in a firm, conservative and yet polite manner insist upon our proper share of the public school funds.

Parents must bear in mind that if they get all the public school fund that is justly due their children, this alone will not provide for the education of their children. Even the white children in the South are not receiving enough money to properly educate them from the public fund.

PARAGRAPHIC NEWS

Mr. J. E. McGirt says that his magazine will be published quarterly hereafter, instead of monthly.

Miss E. Glenn, who was suddenly called to the bedside of her mother in Taft, Ohio, had just begun her studies at Howard University.

It is rumored that Bishop Walters had a private car to make his tour of Kentucky in the interest of the Democratic party.

Bishop Walters needs a private car to protect himself from the very people who form a large percent of the Democratic party, the party the Rev. Bishop is trying to represent.

The Bishop has had presumably three births: into the world, into the Church of Christ, into the Democratic party. Wonder what will be his next, and when!

Colored Republicans travel through the South in special cars; but why should colored Democrats?

Women have comparatively little or no influence in State or religious affairs of today.

It can be no longer said that the "hand that rocks the cradle rules the world" for cradles have gone out of fashion.

The Kansas Appreciator states that Rev. Douglass of this city is conducting a very successful meeting at the Ninth Street Baptist Church at Fort Smith.

The Chicago Defender calls Mr. W. Allison Sweeney the "present day Frederick Douglass."

President Roosevelt was the recipient of many congratulations last Tuesday, which was the fiftieth anniversary of his birth.

The Postmaster General has issued a fraud order against Rev. William E. Rutledge, East St. Louis, Ill., for failure to comply with advertisements which he published in his paper, the Weekly Message.

Union workmen will be employed to complete the million dollar home of Mr. O. H. P. Belmont, in this city. Mr. Belmont supposed only such had been employed.

A committee which has been for the past six years working with the Associated Charities formed a new organization last Monday night, to be known as the Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis in the District of Columbia.

Lawyer B. Marshall called at the White House the first part of the week in search of information concerning the case of his client, Mingo Sanders who is night watchman at the new Senate annex.

The National Headquarters Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of America, located in Philadelphia, cost \$120,000, and is said to be one of the finest in the world.

Gipsy Smith has been laboring in Convention Hall for the salvation of the white folk of Washington, but had to visit a colored church to work for the salvation of the colored sinner.

FOR THE GOOD OF

THE SERVICE.

It is the opinion of the Bee that John C. Nolle and W. L. Baily should be removed from the supervising principalship for the good of the service. There are too many complaints made against them by the teachers to be passed unnoticed.

MR. PATTISON IN DELAWARE.

John W. Pattison, the well known colored orator of Maryland, who has been stumping Delaware for Taft and Sherman, declares that the colored voters of that state are right in line. The talk of their supporting Bryan he labels pure nonsense.

"There was some talk of an independent movement in Delaware and for awhile those who started it appeared to be accomplishing something. But the level headed colored men of the state saw how foolish it would be for our race to vote the Democratic ticket and their influence was dominated. Now the colored Democratic forces are rapidly growing smaller and a child will be able to count their votes on Election Day."

Maryland, Pattison says, is safe for Taft. Hardly a colored man in that state, in his opinion will vote the Democratic ticket.

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